



Minutes

Grey County Joint Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

February 12, 2025

Present: Catherine Sholtz, Andrew Edgcumbe, Brooke Sillaby, Jacob Morris-Wheeler, Councillor Greig

Regrets: Christina Schnell, Pamela Matheson, Claudia Strelocke

Staff Present: Tara Warder, Clerk, Kathie Nunno, Accessibility and Contract Specialist, Rayburn Murray, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

The Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee met electronically on the above date. The Deputy Clerk called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m. with all members present except for Member Schnell, Member Matheson, and Member Strelocke.

Representatives from member municipalities in attendance: Nicole Churchill, Debbie Yip, Jennifer Patton, Karen Holt, Mike Botelho, Krista House Langdon, Jackie Groves, Melissa Hilgendorff, Holly Malynyk.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee indicated that Election of Vice-Chair will occur at the next meeting to allow additional members the opportunity.

JAAC01-25

Moved by: Member Morris-Wheeler

Seconded by: Member Sillaby

That Member Catherine Sholtz be elected Chair of the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2025.

Carried

Introductions

Members of the Committee provided brief personal introductions, highlighting Councillor Greig as the new Council representative.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Delegations

None.

Items For Direction or Discussion

2024 Progress Report Grey Highlands (Debbie Yip)

JAAC02-25

Moved by: Member Sillaby

Seconded by: Member Edgcumbe

That the Grey Highlands 2024 progress report on the 2023 - 2027 multi-year accessibility plan be presented to the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee for review and comment.

Carried

Stothart Hall Accessibility Project Grey Highlands (Mike Botelho)

Mike Botelho, Manager of Operations, Parks and Recreation for the Municipality of West Grey summarized the project at Stothart Hall and highlighted the upgrades to include accessible ramps with access to washrooms. Member Whitfield noted the importance of having wide enough parking spots to support proper access. Mr. Botelho indicated that there will be designated accessible parking spots, and that staff are currently in the preliminary stages of review and will ensure the comments are considered throughout the design process.

JAAC03-25

Moved by: Member Edgcumbe

Seconded by: Member Morris-Wheeler

**That the report “Stothart Hall Accessibility Project” be received; and
That the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (GCJAAC) provide input for consideration for the installation of the accessible extension/washrooms.**

Carried

Lions Renovation Projects West Grey (Nicole Churchill)

Nicole Churchill, Community Development Coordinator from the Municipality of West Grey, presented the project. She highlighted the installation of grab bars in the single stalls of the women's washroom and the replacement of the kitchen island counter surface and installation of a walkway. The Committee provided comments of support for the kitchen updates and noted the consideration of an additional grab bar behind the toilet tank for additional support as the proposed installation includes a grab bar on the right side only.

JAAC04-25

Moved by: Member Edgcumbe

Seconded by: Member Sillaby

THAT in consideration of staff report West Grey Durham Lions – Durham Community Center Renovation Projects, committee receives the report for review and comment.

Carried

Resources

CSA Accessible Design for the Built Environment

Kathie Nunno, Accessibility and Contract Specialist, summarized the resource from the Canadian Standards Association group as a very useful resource for staff to use and refer to.

Other Business

Grey Roots Museum & Archives - Hope Section of the Grey County Gallery (Sim Salata)

Sim Salta, Curator from Grey Roots Museum, asked whether anyone on the Committee would be willing to write a paragraph or two that explains what the terms equity and equality means to them, for the Hope section at the Grey Roots Museum. She summarized the location within the Museum including tall walls, artifacts, lighting, and text panels within.

Members of the Committee requested additional information on how to make the wording accessible, specifically for those visually impaired. They further suggested that staff consider other best practices from other museums and the consideration of artificial intelligence (AI) and accessibility. Following discussion and feedback, Member Whitfield and Member Scholtz offered to assist with development of the wording.

Staff thanked members of the Committee for their feedback.

Next Meeting Date

May 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Morris-Wheeler and Member Whitfield, the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourned at 3:23 p.m. to the call of the Chair.